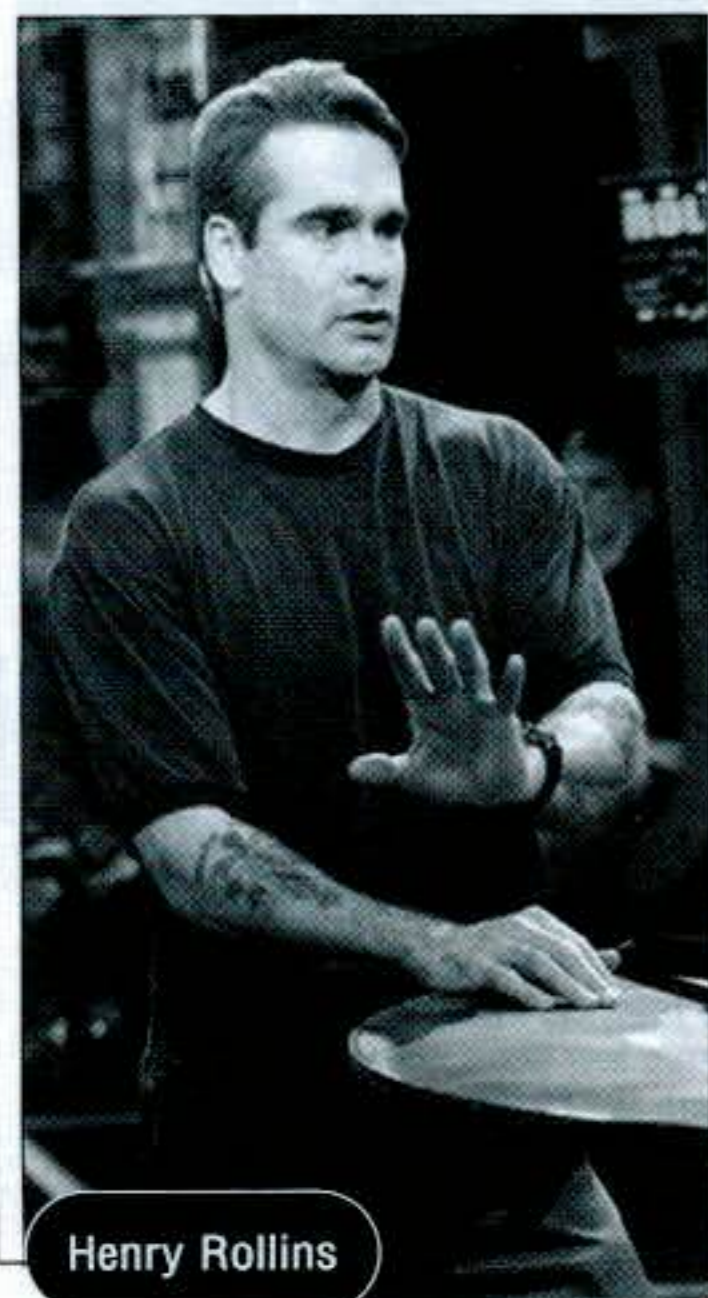


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and **Houston Grand Opera**, it is a story of sex, lies, love and forgiveness. Director **David Alden** puts a modern twist on an old art form, which is immediately apparent when a Harley-Davidson roars onstage in the opening scene.

Renowned American soprano **Patricia Racette** makes her company debut in the title role, which she has performed worldwide. Visit www.dc-opera.org/ourseason/jen-ufo.asp to learn more or contact Katie Kunec at the Washington National Opera, 202-585-2766.

► **Independent Film Channel** (IFC) recently launched the second season of *The Henry Rollins Show*. This season marks a lineup of guests ranging from **William Shatner** to **Marilyn Manson**, and provides viewers with musical performances ranging from the **Stooges** to **Peaches'** television



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debut. New this season is writer, actress and comedian **Janeane Garofalo** who offers special commentary from her New York City apartment in a segment called *The Disquisition*. *The Henry Rollins Show* is created and executive produced by **Swift River Productions**, a Los Angeles film and TV production company. For more information, contact Allison Elbl at I/D Public Relations, 323-822-4850.

Weddington Street Productions presents a brand new show for four performances only, May 14-22, written by and starring award-winning actor, singer and comic **Jason Graae** at the **El Portal Theatre** in North Hollywood.

Graae's Anatomy features musical direction by **Alex Rybek** and direction by **Heather Lee**. This West Coast premiere finds Graae singing somewhat twisted and humorous takes on songs by **John Bucchino**, **Stephen Sondheim**, **Jerry Herman** and **Johnny Mercer**. These performances will coincide with Graae's appearing in the **L.A. Opera** (laopera.org) production of *The Merry Widow*.

For tickets to *Graae's Anatomy*, call 866-811-4111 or online at ticketmaster.com or elportaltheatre.com. For further information, contact David Elzer at Demand PR, 818-508-1754.

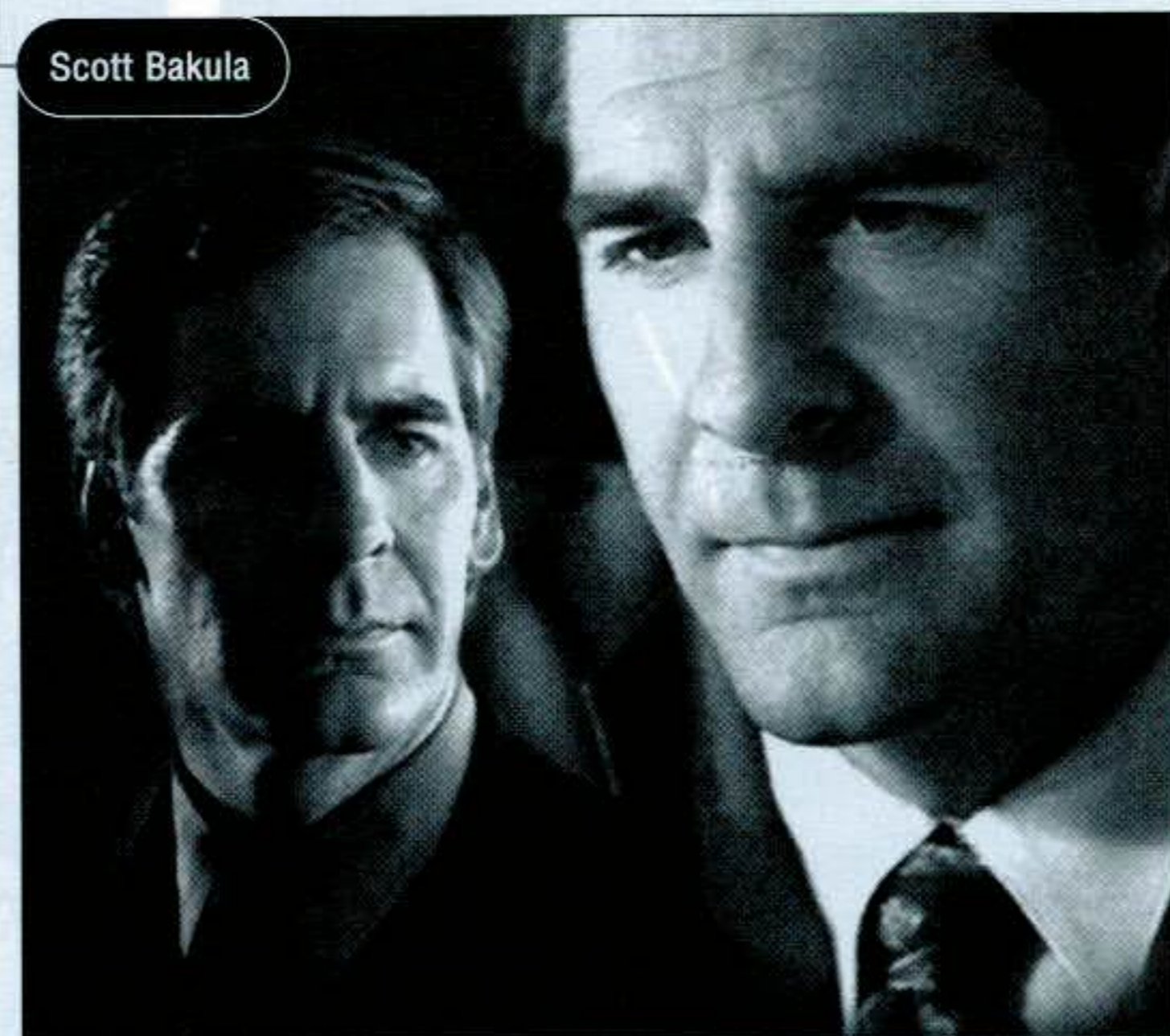
La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts and **McCoy Rigby Entertainment** has **Suzanne Somers—In Concert** for three shows only, May 4-6th. The production replaces the previously announced *Ann-Margret & Company*. Tickets can be purchased at La Mirada Theatre's site, lamiradatheatre.com, or at the box office. For more information, call the La

Mirada Theatre Box Office at 562-944-9801 or 714-994-6310.

► Without an American record label, **Ross Copperman** has placed music on *ER*, *Without a Trace* and most recently *What About Brian*. Compared to **Coldplay** and **Radiohead** among others, his piano-driven melodies are no secret to the UK where the American is signed with **Phonogenic/RCA**.

He's not really so secretive here either, with his single "As I Choke" becoming **iTunes'** most downloaded "Single of the Week" in history, an impressive six months prior to the release of his debut CD, *Welcome to Reality*. Visit www.rosscopperman.com for additional information. For further details, contact Jill Katona at Paperwork Media, 312-546-4901.

► Golden Globe award winner **Scott Bakula**, who starred on Broadway in *Romance/Romance* and on TV in the series *Quantum Leap* and *Enterprise*, will be starring as David in the final **Reprise!**



Scott Bakula

Broadway's Best production of its 2006-2007 season, **Richard Rodgers'** lyrical, *No Strings*. The production features such classic songs as "The Sweetest Sounds" and "Love Makes the World." *No Strings* will open on May 9 and continue through May 20 at **UCLA's Freud Playhouse**. For tickets, contact the UCLA Central Ticket Office at 310-825-2101. For more information, contact David Elzer at Demand PR, 818-508-1754.

New to DVD May 15 is *My Fleeting House*, a first-ever DVD collection of performances of the late **Tim Buckley**. This essential DVD features rare live performances from a number of television shows as well as interview footage spanning his entire career.

The DVD has 11 full-length

songs, and three partial performances. This DVD also features interviews with **Larry Beckett** (co-writer of many songs with Buckley), **Lee Underwood** (Buckley's guitarist) and **David Browne** (author of *Dream Brother: The Lives of Jeff and Tim Buckley*). All but two of the musical clips here are previously unreleased.

To purchase this DVD, visit www.mvdb2b.com. For additional information about it and all MVD releases, contact Clint Weiler at MVD, 800-888-0486 ext. 115.

With the Apr. 24 release of *Genesis: 1976-1981*, **Rhino Records** debuts the first in a series of three box-sets spotlighting 13 studio albums by one of the top-selling recording acts in pop music history.

This is a 6-CD/6-DVD boxed set that encompasses five studio albums, plus a bonus disc that gathers essential rare tracks scattered among the band's EPs and B-sides. Three of the DVDs feature previously unreleased live concert footage. Find it at retail or order from www.rhino.com.

For further information, contact Jeff White at Rhino Records, 818-238-6249.

Leonard Cohen – Under Review 1935-1977 is a 90-minute documentary film which explores the poetry, music, performances and career of one of contemporary music's greatest and most enigmatic artists. Features include musical performances of **Leonard Cohen**, obscure footage, rare interviews, plus criticism and insight from official Cohen biographer, **Ira Nadel**.

The DVD is available Apr. 24 from **Music Video Distributors**. Visit <http://mvdb2b.com> or order by phone 800-888-0486. For further information, contact Clint Weiler at MVD Entertainment, 800-888-0486 ext. 115. 